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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
PIERRE LEBOT, ET AL. : EXAMINER: MACARTHUR, V. L.  
SERIAL NO: 10/534,969 :  
FILED: OCTOBER 31, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3679  
FOR: INSERT IN THE FORM OF A :  
THREADED BUSHING, WHICH IS  
DESIGNED TO EQUIP AND FIX PLATES,  
FOR EXAMPLE, GLASS PLATES, AND  
PLATES THUS EQUIPPED

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, Species I directed to Figures 1-4, and readable on Claims 37, 42-45, 47 and 50-54 for further examination on the merits in the present application.

Applicants further note that the proposed Examiner's amendment forwarded to Applicants' attorney by the Examiner on August 6, 2008 is acceptable to Applicant's and the Examiner is authorized to proceed with such Examiner's amendment to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants note that, however, that minor revisions to the claims set forth in the Examiner's amendment are recommended which read as follows:

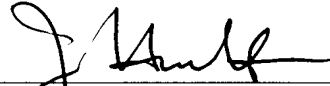
Claim 37, line 11, before "a peripheral recess" insert --and--; and  
line 12, after "of the petals;" insert --and--.  
Claim 54, line 2, delete "the steps of"; and  
line 3, before "position" insert --and--.

Accordingly, the Examiner's amendment including the above-suggested changes to  
Claims 37 and 54 are approved.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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